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WATER ARUM
Calla palustris

Located in bogs from New Jersey and Pennsylvania and north. Also known as Wild Calla, Female- or Water- Dragon, and Swamp Robin.

A low, perennial with a long creeping rootstock bearing the leaves and flower stalk. Rootstock covered with sheathing scales and rooting at each node. The leaf blades on long, upright stalks; blades thick, toothless and generally heart-shaped, abruptly pointed at the tip; 3 to 10 cm wide. The flower-stalks are 10 to 20 cm long, sheathed at the base; ending in a 2.5 cm long flowering spike; blooming from May to June. The spike is partially enclosed in a modified leaf (spathe) which may be 2.5 to 6 cm long, 2.5 cm wide, and abruptly pointed. Red berries ripen on the spike from July to August.

May be eaten sparingly by muskrat.